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*Cyprus: Consultations to end the crisis will shortly move to the Security Council.

The governments of Greece and Turkey yesterday accepted Secretary General U Thant's appeal for peace and offer of his good offices.

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Acceptance commits both Greece and Turkey to withdraw their forces in Cyprus in excess of the numbers agreed upon in the London-Zurich accords of 1963. Under the terms of U Thant's appeal, the question of how to handle disarming the Cypriot National Guard will be considered in connection with broadening the role of the UN force in Cyprus.

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A meeting of the Security Council on the Cyprus problem is expected this week.

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Cambodia - Communist China: Peking has taken another step to improve its relations with Phnom Penh.

Cambodian Prime Minister Son Sann has sent a letter to Chou En-lai thanking the Chinese for agreeing to provide "new unconditional aid" including patrol boats, reconnaissance planes, and an unspecified amount of ammunition. This does not appear to mark any departure from the kind of military assistance China has given Cambodia since 1964.

The new offer was probably made primarily for its political impact. Peking has appeared intent on improving its ties with Phnom Penh since Chief of State Sihanouk's anti-Chinese outbursts of last September and October. Son Sann's letter underlines Sihanouk's recent assertions that Sino-Cambodian relations are back on the track, although the reference to "unconditional" aid serves as a reminder that Cambodian sensitivities to "outside interference" remain intact.

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Belgium: The Belgian Government has proposed talks between the US and the five concerned EURATOM countries on problems with the draft nonproliferation treaty.

In an aide-memoire of 1 December, Brussels indicated it still has misgivings that EURATOM's interests may not be adequately protected in the current negotiations between the US and USSR on Article III of the draft treaty. Brussels' principal concern is that there may be an interruption in the supply of fissionable material by the US to EURATOM countries in the event EURATOM and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are unable to reach a satisfactory agreement on safeguards after the treaty goes into effect.

Belgium evidently conceives of the EURATOM talks with the US as an effort to determine the feasibility of a EURATOM-IAEA agreement. In transmitting its aide-memoire, Brussels indicated that it had informed the other involved countries and the UK of its position.

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NOTE

Nigeria: The federal government apparently will purchase most of its future military supplies and equipment from the UK. A British official in Lagos said on 1 December that his government, which had previously restricted arms sales to the Nigerians, is now prepared to sell them "what they want" on the basis of their almost exclusive reliance on the UK. A high Nigerian official was scheduled to go to London the past weekend to begin "crash negotiations" for substantial quantities of arms, ammunition, and equipment, including armored cars.

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